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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A bag slitting apparatus for opening a sealed bag, comprising:
first and second arms forming a single piece of material that are connected only through a pivoting bridge at one end, and wherein the arms have ~~exterior surfaces extending concavely from the bridge~~ outer surfaces that are concavely contoured distally for simultaneous receipt of a finger and a thumb of a user;
the first arm carrying a cutting surface on an interior surface facing the second arm;
the second arm carrying a receiving surface that cooperates with the cutting surface to make a cut through a portion of the bag when the first and second arms are opposed about the bag, and
wherein the first and second arms are each distally significantly wider than the bridge.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arms and the bridge are fabricated as a single piece of plastic
5. (Previously presented) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the cutting surface is an edge of a metal blade.
6. (Previously presented) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the receiving surface is curved.
7. (Previously presented) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the entirety of the first and second arms extend concavely from the bridge.